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# Pilgrims Society

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The **Pilgrims Society**, founded on 16 July 1902<sup>[1]</sup> by Sir Harry Brittain, is a British-American society established, in the words of American diplomat Joseph Choate, 'to promote good-will, good-fellowship, and everlasting peace between the United States and Great Britain'.

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## Membership

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Over the years it has boasted an elite membership of politicians, diplomats, businessmen, and writers who have included Henry Kissinger, Margaret Thatcher, Caspar Weinberger, Douglas Fairbanks Jr., Henry Luce, Lord Carrington, Alexander Haig, Paul Volcker, Thomas Kean, George Shultz, and Walter Cronkite among many others. Members of the immediate Royal Family, United States secretaries of state and United States ambassadors to the Court of St. James's are customarily admitted to membership in the Society.

## Activities

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The Society is notable for holding dinners to welcome into office each successive U.S. Ambassador to the United Kingdom. The patron of the society is Queen Elizabeth II.

## History

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The first informal meeting of the Pilgrims of Great Britain included General Joseph Wheeler, Colonel (later General Sir) Bryan Mahon, the Hon Charles Rolls and Harry Brittain.

The first meeting of the Pilgrims of the United States was at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York on 13 January 1903.

The Pilgrims of Great Britain and the Pilgrims of the United States have reciprocal membership.

Executive Committee members, as of 2017, are:

- Marshal of the Royal Air Force the Lord Stirrup KG GCB AFC (President)
- Mrs Diane Simpson (Chairman)
- Sir Stephen Wright KCMG (Honorary Secretary)
- Mr Richard Reid (Honorary Treasurer)

- Mr Abdul Bhanji
- Sir Peter Bottomley MP
- Mr Peter Cadbury
- Professor Stephen Challacombe
- Mr Piers Coleman
- Vice Admiral Sir Anthony Dymock KBE CB
- Mr Paul Dimond CMG
- Mr Tristan Elbrick
- Mrs Kweilen Hatleskog
- Mrs Valerie Humphrey
- Mr Lewis Lukens, Deputy Chief of Mission, American Embassy, London
- Sir David Newbigging OBE
- Sir Bryan Nicholson GBE
- Mr Mark Seligman
- Air Marshal Sir David Walker KCVO OBE
- Ms Xenia Wickett

Mrs Amy Thompson is the executive secretary, successor to Mrs Tessa Wells

## Noteworthy members

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- HM Queen Elizabeth II
- HRH Prince Philip
- HRH Prince Charles
- Nelson W. Aldrich
- Winthrop W. Aldrich
- John Nicholas Brown II
- Lord Carrington
- John W. Davis
- Charles G. Dawes
- Admiral William J. Crowe
- Chauncey Depew
- Allen W. Dulles
- John Foster Dulles
- Mark Fox (<http://www.markfoxnews.com/>)
- General Alexander Haig
- Edward Wood, 1st Earl of Halifax
- W. Averell Harriman
- Joseph P. Kennedy
- Henry R. Luce
- Sandra Day O'Connor
- Henry Kissinger
- Elliot Richardson
- General of the Army George C. Marshall
- Andrew W. Mellon
- John D. Rockefeller
- David Rockefeller
- Elihu Root
- Jacob Schiff
- John Hay Whitney

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## ORGANIZATION

Ostensibly a dinner club, the Pilgrims Society consists of two chapters. The London chapter of the Pilgrims Society was established on July 16, 1902, followed by the New York chapter on January 13, 1903. Its purpose is to foster better Anglo-American relationships through cooperation of top banking and manufacturing institutions.

The London society is responsible for a hosting a dinner welcoming the new [US Ambassador to the United Kingdom](#), and the New York chapter hosts a reciprocal event. Curiously, most of these ambassadors have already been members for some time.

"...the existence of this Wall Street Anglo-American axis is quite obvious once it is pointed out. It is reflected by the fact that such Wall Street luminaries such as [John W. Davis](#), [Lewis W. Douglas](#), [John Hay Whitney](#) [...] were appointed to be American ambassadors in London." -- Harvard professor [Carroll Quigley](#).

### Founding Date:

11-Jul-1902

Name	Occupation	Birth	Death	Known for
<a href="#">Dean Acheson</a>	Government	11-Apr-1893	12-Oct-1971	US Secretary of State, 1949-53
<a href="#">Lord Acton</a>	Historian	10-Jan-1834	19-Jun-1902	British historian
<a href="#">Charles Francis Adams IV</a>	Business	2-May-1910	5-Jan-1999	Former president of Raytheon
<a href="#">Nelson W. Aldrich</a>	Politician	6-Nov-1841	16-Apr-1915	US Senator from Rhode Island, 1881-1911
<a href="#">Winthrop W. Aldrich</a>	Business	2-Nov-1885	25-Feb-1974	Chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank, 1934-53
<a href="#">Prince Andrew</a>	Royalty	19-Feb-1960		The Duke of York
<a href="#">Princess Anne</a>	Royalty	15-Aug-1950		The Horsey Princess Royal
<a href="#">Walter Annenberg</a>	Business	13-Mar-1908	1-Oct-2002	Media mogul, created <i>TV Guide</i>
<a href="#">Anne L. Armstrong</a>	Government	27-Dec-1927	30-Jul-2008	US Ambassador to the UK, 1976-77
<a href="#">William Waldorf Astor</a>	Publisher	31-Mar-1848	18-Oct-1919	<i>The Observer</i>
<a href="#">Clement Attlee</a>	Head of State	3-Jan-1883	8-Oct-1967	UK Prime Minister, 1945-51
<a href="#">George F. Baker</a>	Business	27-Mar-1840	2-May-1931	"None of the public's business"
<a href="#">James Baker</a>	Government	28-Apr-1930		US Secretary of State, 1989-92
<a href="#">Leonard Bernstein</a>	Conductor	25-Aug-1918	14-Oct-1990	Conductor, New York Philharmonic
<a href="#">Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Jr.</a>	Diplomat	17-Dec-1897	13-Nov-1961	Ambassador to governments in exile
<a href="#">Francis Biddle</a>	Government	9-May-1886	4-Oct-1968	US Attorney General, 1941-45
<a href="#">Robert Worth Bingham</a>	Business	8-Nov-1871	18-Dec-1937	Publisher of <i>The Louisville Courier-Journal</i>
<a href="#">Richard A. Boucher</a>	Diplomat	c. 1951		Asst. Secretary of State for South Asia
<a href="#">Harry Brittain</a>	Journalist	24-Dec-1873	9-Jul-1974	Co-Founder of the Pilgrims Society
<a href="#">David K. E. Bruce</a>	Diplomat	12-Feb-1898	5-Dec-1977	US Ambassador to England, France, Germany
<a href="#">Warren Burger</a>	Judge	17-Sep-1907	25-Jun-1995	US Chief Justice, 1969-86
<a href="#">Nicholas Murray Butler</a>	Educator	2-Apr-1862	7-Dec-1947	President of Columbia University, 1901-45
<a href="#">Peter Carington</a>	Government	6-Jun-1919		UK Foreign Secretary, 1979-82
<a href="#">Andrew Carnegie</a>	Business	25-Nov-1835	11-Aug-1919	Robber baron turned philanthropist
<a href="#">Henry Catto</a>	Diplomat	6-Dec-1930	18-Dec-2011	US Ambassador to the UK, 1989-91
<a href="#">Robert Cecil</a>	Politician	14-Sep-1864	24-Nov-1958	Diplomat, Nobel Prize recipient
<a href="#">Neville Chamberlain</a>	Head of State	18-Mar-1869	9-Nov-1940	Architect of appeasement
<a href="#">Prince Charles</a>	Royalty	14-Nov-1948		Heir to the throne of Britain
<a href="#">Joseph Choate</a>	Attorney	24-Jan-1832	14-May-1917	Attorney, ambassador



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## Bibliographies

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<a href="#">Warren Christopher</a>	Government	27-Oct-1925	18-Mar-2011	US Secretary of State, 1993-97
<a href="#">Walter P. Chrysler</a>	Business	2-Apr-1875	18-Aug-1940	Founder of Chrysler Corporation
<a href="#">Winston Churchill</a>	Head of State	30-Nov-1874	24-Jan-1965	WWII Prime Minister of England
<a href="#">William J. Crowe, Jr.</a>	Government	2-Jan-1925	18-Oct-2007	US Navy Admiral
<a href="#">George Nathaniel Curzon</a>	Government	11-Jan-1859	20-Mar-1925	Created the Kingdom of Jordan
<a href="#">John W. Davis</a>	Attorney	13-Apr-1873	24-Mar-1955	US Solicitor General, 1913-18
<a href="#">Charles G. Dawes</a>	Politician	27-Aug-1865	23-Apr-1951	US Vice President, 1925-29
<a href="#">Chauncey Depew</a>	Politician	23-Apr-1834	5-Apr-1928	Co-Founder of the Pilgrims Society
<a href="#">C. Douglas Dillon</a>	Government	21-Aug-1909	10-Jan-2003	US Treasury Secretary, 1961-65
<a href="#">Lewis W. Douglas</a>	Politician	2-Jul-1894	7-Mar-1974	US Ambassador to the UK, 1947-50
<a href="#">Orvil Dryfoos</a>	Publisher	8-Nov-1912	26-May-1963	<i>New York Times</i> Publisher, 1961-63
<a href="#">James Buchanan Duke</a>	Business	23-Dec-1856	10-Oct-1925	American Tobacco Company
<a href="#">Allen W. Dulles</a>	Spy	7-Apr-1893	29-Jan-1969	CIA Director, 1953-61
<a href="#">John Foster Dulles</a>	Government	25-Feb-1888	24-May-1959	Eisenhower's Secretary of State
<a href="#">Prince Edward</a>	Royalty	10-Mar-1964		The Earl of Wessex
<a href="#">Queen Elizabeth II</a>	Royalty	21-Apr-1926		Queen of England
<a href="#">William S. Farish</a>	Business	17-Mar-1939		W.S. Farish & Co.
<a href="#">Marshall Field</a>	Business	18-Aug-1834	16-Jan-1906	Founder of Marshall Field's
<a href="#">Malcolm Forbes</a>	Business	19-Aug-1919	24-Feb-1990	<i>Forbes</i> publisher, Faberge collector
<a href="#">Steve Forbes</a>	Business	18-Jul-1947		Owner and publisher of <i>Forbes</i> magazine
<a href="#">W. Averell Harriman</a>	Diplomat	15-Nov-1891	26-Jul-1986	Ambassador to USSR, Governor of NY
<a href="#">Richard C. Holbrooke</a>	Diplomat	24-Apr-1941	13-Dec-2010	US Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan
<a href="#">Lord Inge</a>	Military	5-Aug-1935		British Field Marshal
<a href="#">Otto Kahn</a>	Business	21-Feb-1867	29-Mar-1934	Banker with Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
<a href="#">Frank B. Kellogg</a>	Government	22-Dec-1856	21-Dec-1937	US Secretary of State, 1925-29
<a href="#">Joseph P. Kennedy</a>	Business	6-Sep-1888	18-Nov-1969	Smuggler and patriarch of the Kennedy clan
<a href="#">Henry Kissinger</a>	Government	27-May-1923		US Secretary of State, 1973-77
<a href="#">Horatio Herbert Kitchener</a>	Military	24-Jun-1850	5-Jun-1916	Field Marshal, Secretary of State for War
<a href="#">Philip Lader</a>	Government	1946		US Ambassador to the UK, 1997-2001
<a href="#">Thomas W. Lamont</a>	Business	30-Sep-1870	2-Feb-1948	Banker and diplomat
<a href="#">Henry Luce III</a>	Publisher	28-Apr-1925	7-Sep-2005	Former <i>Time</i> magazine publisher
<a href="#">Henry R. Luce</a>	Business	3-Apr-1898	28-Feb-1967	Founded <i>Time</i> Magazine
<a href="#">John Macomber</a>	Business	13-Jan-1928		JDM Investment Group
<a href="#">George C. Marshall</a>	Military	31-Dec-1880	16-Oct-1959	US Army Chief of Staff, 1939-45
<a href="#">Andrew W. Mellon</a>	Business	24-Mar-1855	27-Aug-1937	US Secretary of the Treasury, 1921-32
<a href="#">Paul Mellon</a>	Philanthropist	11-Jun-1907	1-Feb-1999	Yale Center for British Art benefactor
<a href="#">Henry S. Morgan</a>	Business	24-Oct-1900	8-Feb-1982	Co-Founder of Morgan Stanley
<a href="#">J. Pierpont Morgan</a>	Business	17-Apr-1837	31-Mar-1913	Railroad financier, J. P. Morgan & Co.
<a href="#">Henry Morgenthau, Jr.</a>	Government	11-May-1891	6-Feb-1967	US Secretary of the Treasury, 1934-45
<a href="#">Levi P. Morton</a>	Politician	16-May-1824	16-May-1920	Vice President under Benjamin Harrison
<a href="#">Lord Mountbatten</a>	Military	25-Jun-1900	27-Aug-1979	Last Viceroy of India
<a href="#">Sandra Day O'Connor</a>	Judge	26-Mar-1930		US Supreme Court Justice, 1981-2006
<a href="#">Peter G. Peterson</a>	Business	5-Jun-1926		Chairman, Council on Foreign Relations
<a href="#">Prince Philip</a>	Royalty	10-Jun-1921		Duke of Edinburgh
<a href="#">William Rehnquist</a>	Judge	1-Oct-1924	3-Sep-2005	US Chief Justice, 1986-2005
<a href="#">Lord Robertson</a>	Politician	12-Apr-1946		NATO Secretary General, 1999-2003
<a href="#">David Rockefeller</a>	Business	12-Jun-1915		Founder of the Trilateral Commission
<a href="#">John D. Rockefeller</a>	Business	8-Jul-1839	23-May-1937	Founder of Standard Oil
<a href="#">John D. Rockefeller, Jr.</a>	Business	29-Jan-1874	11-May-1960	Built Rockefeller Center
<a href="#">Nelson Rockefeller</a>	Politician	8-Jul-1908	26-Jan-1979	Ford's Vice President
<a href="#">Elihu Root</a>	Government	15-Feb-1845	7-Feb-1937	Senator, Secretary of War, State

<a href="#">Edmund de Rothschild</a>	Business	2-Jan-1916	17-Jan-2009	British banker
<a href="#">Dean Rusk</a>	Government	9-Feb-1909	21-Dec-1994	US Secretary of State, 1961-69
<a href="#">David Sarnoff</a>	Business	27-Feb-1891	12-Dec-1971	CEO of RCA, founder of NBC
<a href="#">Jacob Schiff</a>	Business	10-Jan-1847	25-Sep-1920	New York banker
<a href="#">Charles M. Schwab</a>	Business	18-Feb-1862	19-Sep-1939	Founder of Bethlehem Steel
<a href="#">Raymond Seitz</a>	Diplomat	8-Dec-1940		US Ambassador to the UK, 1991-94
<a href="#">George Shultz</a>	Government	13-Dec-1920		US Secretary of State, 1982-89
<a href="#">James Speyer</a>	Business	22-Jul-1861	31-Oct-1941	New York Banker
<a href="#">Henry L. Stimson</a>	Government	21-Sep-1867	20-Oct-1950	US Secretary of War 1911-13, 1940-45
<a href="#">Peter Sutherland</a>	Government	25-Apr-1946		First Director General of the WTO
<a href="#">Margaret Thatcher</a>	Head of State	13-Oct-1925	8-Apr-2013	UK Prime Minister, 1979-90
<a href="#">John Tower</a>	Politician	25-Sep-1925	5-Apr-1991	US Senator from Texas, 1961-85
<a href="#">Robert H. Tuttle</a>	Diplomat	4-Aug-1943		US Ambassador to the UK, 2005-09
<a href="#">Cyrus Vance</a>	Government	27-Mar-1917	12-Jan-2002	US Secretary of State, 1977-80
<a href="#">Paul Volcker</a>	Economist	5-Sep-1927		Chairman of the Federal Reserve, 1979-87
<a href="#">Thomas J. Watson, Jr.</a>	Business	14-Jan-1914	31-Dec-1993	CEO of IBM, 1956-71
<a href="#">John C. Whitehead</a>	Business	2-Apr-1922	7-Feb-2015	US Deputy Secretary of State, 1985-89
<a href="#">John Hay Whitney</a>	Business	17-Aug-1904	8-Feb-1982	<i>New York Herald Tribune</i>

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